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13 August 1947

TO: ADSO  
VIA: COPS *OTEB*  
FROM: FEM  
SUBJECT: N. Poppe

1. Attached hereto is a letter of 28 May 1947 from Richard N. Frye which you forwarded to us.
2. Actually there has been considerable investigation of the Poppe case dating back some months. He lives in the British Zone of Germany, the British know all about him, and would, in fact, be glad to get rid of him because of his nuisance value. The fact remains, however, that we can see no compelling reason to go to all the trouble of getting him to the United States. It is granted that he is a Far Eastern scholar of distinction, but, aside from his background, he has little present or future usefulness to a secret intelligence organization. This last might be debated by his proponents, but from an operational standpoint he has little to recommend him.
3. Mr. Frye has been pressing this case consistently with various people. It is my feeling that if he wants the man to come to this country so badly, he should have him apply as any other Dr would apply, then do what he can to get the State Department to grant a visa.
4. Incidentally, we are still doing our best to get from the British whatever interrogations and reports they have on Poppe.

Attachment

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